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REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 7, 12, 19, and 24 have been cancelled.

ITEM 6: DRAWING OBJECTION

Item 6 of the subject action at page 4 raises an objection to the drawings since allegedly not showing certain recitations of the claims and requiring that replacement drawings be supplied overcoming the objection or else the features cancelled from the claim(s).

The Examiner appears to have forgotten that the identical objection was raised in an Office Action mailed February 20, 2004 at page 2, Item 1 and was addressed by Applicants in an Amendment filed June 21, 2004 (see pages 10-12 thereof). Further, a Notice of Allowance mailed November 18, 2004 acknowledged that the Amendment of June 23, 2004 had been entered, overcoming the objections and rejections of the Action as to the drawings in the Action mailed February 20, 2004 (see page 2 at Item 1). Accordingly, the Notice of Allowance contradicts the reassertion of that objection to the drawings and the same should be withdrawn.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 2-6, 10, 11, 14-18, 22 and 23 are allowed.

Claims 7, 12, 19 and 24 were rejected but are now cancelled.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, all claims pending herein have been allowed and thus, there being no other unanswered objections or rejections, the application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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